



TOWN OF WESTFORD BOARD OF HEALTH

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Demolition Permit Requirements

Prior to signing off and approving any demolition permit application, the Board of Health needs to be certain that any and all hazardous materials have been identified and removed in accordance with local and state regulations and the existing Septic System has been abandoned. During a pre-demolition inspection, we typically look for:

1. Hazardous Materials:

- A. Obvious Asbestos contained within:
 - 1. floor tiles (typically 9"x 9" variety),
 - 2. insulation on heating units/pipes (fibrous coating).
 - Asbestos, if suspected, must be confirmed and removed by a properly licensed asbestos abatement contractor as per state Asbestos Regulations.
- B. Mercury Switches in thermostats (round Honeywell type), heating furnaces, etc.
 - All mercury switches must be removed and disposed of properly. The Board of Health accepts switches and thermometers (pre-placed in resealable bags but only up to the size that fits in to the palm of your hand) at the Board of Health Office, Monday through Friday from 8-4.
- C. Home Heating Oil Tanks (above or below grade);
 - All above and below ground, home heating/fuel-oil tanks must be emptied, opened and cleaned out, and ready for disposal. Below grade home heating/fuel-oil or hazardous material storage tanks must be "abandoned" in accordance with all state and local regulations.
- D. Any significant quantities of hazardous materials as defined by our local storage regulations.
 - All other potential hazardous chemicals present must be identified and disposed of in accordance with all local and state regulations.

For more information log on to the websites of:

The Department of Environmental Protection @ www.state.ma.us/dep and/or

The Department of Public Health @ www.state.ma.us/dph .